

REASONS humbly offer'd against continuing of the Act for better viewing, searching, and examining of Drugs, Medicines, &c. as the same now stands.

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THE Apothecaries are far from being averse to a Search of Medicines, or from having faulty and defective Medicines destroy'd, but humbly hope that Matter shall be put into such a Method, that the Property, Reputation, and consequently the Livelibood of so great a Number of Persons as exercise the Trade of an Apothecary, shall not be subjected to a final Determination, but under the same Guards and Cautions which the rest of their Fellow-Subjects have for their Security.

AS it is allow'd that an Appeal from the Judgment of the Censors is reasonable, it is conceiv'd equally reasonable that such Appeal should be determin'd by Persons wholly indifferent and unbiass'd; how far the College are likely to prove so in respect of the Judgments and Determinations of Persons of their own Body and of their own Choice, is easy to foresee, especially when it is further consider'd,

First, THAT for a long time a Jealousy has been entertained by the Members of the College, that the Apothecaries have encroach'd upon their Faculty, by sometimes in ordinary Instances, and in the Cases of poor Persons, Children and Servants, giving Physick without calling in a Physician; and that the Temptation to crush those who for the future shall presume to do so, will be very strong, when they shall have it in their Power so easily to effect it.

Secondly, THAT besides the ordinary Propension towards aggrandizing their Body, it may be very easily conceiv'd that it will be thought (by some at least) to be the Interest of the College to keep the Apothecaries in a Subjection to and Dependence upon them, no Apothecary will then dare to relieve a Patient, tho' in the utmost Extremity, for fear the Patient's Physician should be made his Judge in a little Time, and in that Capacity gratify his Resentment, which may prove a Mischief of no small Consequence.

TRIAL by a Jury is in most Cases the Right of the Subject, and there seems to be no reason why Apothecaries in a Matter of this Moment should be excluded from it, and be subjected in so extraordinary manner to the College of Physicians.

It is therefore humbly hoped, that in the Bill for continuing the said Act such Alterations shall be made as will secure the Apothecaries from the Inconveniences above mentioned, and prevent the Mischiefs consequent thereupon.